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WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT
Issued by the weather bureau at
Washington, D. C., for the week
beginning Wednesday, July 14.
Scattered showers and
moderately warm weather during
the next two days will be follow-
ed by a change to considerably
cooler during the sixteenth and
seventeenth, and fair weather
thereafter.

CARRY FRUIT CRATES.
Washington, July 13.—Post-
master General Burleson today
ordered that the size of packages
for parcel post shipment be in-
creased to a combined length and
girth of 84 inches, which will per-
mit the mailing of standard-sized
fruit and berry crates.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.
Yep! The way to stop crime is
to lock up the criminals. We had
19 in jail and had a special term
of court to empty the over-crowd-
ed jail in May. The jail was
emptied. After two months, we
have twenty-six in jail for the
July term of court. And yet the
poor refuse to be good. Last
week a store was robbed at Van-
duser, a man was robbed at Sike-
ston, a man was robbed at Sike-
ston, a man was held up at Illinois
and relieved of \$13, a young man was
seriously stabbed at Kelso, besides
the minor offenses committed.
The state pays no attention to its
citizens until after they have be-
come criminals—except to tax
them. A man or woman may be
without work and starving, but
that is no business of the state.
The state becomes interested only
after a dangerous or incompet-
ent has driven them to crime.
Then it furnishes them food, shel-
ter, clothing, medicine and gen-
erally transportation and a job.
It never occurs to the state that
if it provided means by which all
could secure these things with a
reasonable effort, crimes against
property would decline and finally
disappear.

Monday the "mills of justice"
began to grind. There were very
few people in town. The criminal
docket comes first, and it requires
no great effort to dispose of the
dozen and out of the young men
who are urged to "take a chance"
at the church fair or picnic and
are later arrested for doing the
same thing in a hay loft. The
plea of an "honest mistake" does
them no good.

Without the special term of
court in May we would have had
45 in jail for this regular term.
Tax-payers, do you know that
this is expensive? At the present
rate of increase, what are you
going to do about it? Besides
those in jail there are perhaps as
many out on bond. And quite all
who have given the matter care-
ful investigation agree that the
criminal is a product, or victim,
of unjust social conditions.

Twenty-six human beings "in
the image of God" cooped up dur-
ing mid-summer in a little dun-
geon that would be over-crowded
with half the number! And if
they rave and become maniacs
we console ourselves that "it is
God's will." Some times we do
even better. We take the preach-
er and the choir over and sing
and pray for them, and even give
them good advice about how to
"trust in the Lord!"

However, these conditions do not
seem to worry the "Hons." Very
little was done in court Monday.
It was warm. Several prisoners
were taken over and lectured,
and told how bad it is to be
bad. Then they were given their
doses and sent back to the over-
crowded dungeon, while all others
were seeking the coolest places
that could be found.

Most pathetic of it all is the
quickness and indifference with
which the down and outs are con-
demned to penal servitude. All
of these have somewhere, moth-
ers, wives, sisters or children.
"Somebody's darling" is the vic-
tim. And it is often these inno-
cent who are the greatest suffer-
ers.

We see this only when our own
people are locked up. We see the
relatives come for miles to bring
such dainties and even flowers as
they are able to provide. They
will go into the jail and sit to
hours to comfort their loved ones.
But all this seems to have no
softening effect on "stern jus-
tice." Stern justice seems only to
lose its teeth when some of "our
class" are the victims. As a con-
spicuous illustration I might cite
the Rucker case. These conditions
are not peculiar to Scott county.
They are general. But the higher
the development of capitalism, the
more of it. And capitalism is
reaching the limit in Swamp-est
Missouri, where the majority are
homeless.

So much for "crime." When we
reach the civil docket we find the
quarrels among people over prop-
erty. The docket shows 258
such cases. To each case there
must be at least two persons—a
plaintiff and a defendant. This
means that over 500 of our people
are in a quarrel over the posses-
sion of property. Can such a con-
dition be conducive to "peace on
earth"? We have about 4,000
voters. At the lowest estimate,
one-eighth are quarreling.

There are forty cases of "break-
ing up the home" that the plutes
are so fearful the Socialists will
accomplish. These divorce cases
are the result of economic condi-
tions. Besides these, there are
several cases of "separate main-
tenance."

There are about 50 back tax
suits on land, and several ditch
tax suits. Many of these suits
are probably the result of misun-
derstanding, or of the negligence
or incompetency of officials. Yet
it is only the land owner that
suffers.

A noticeable feature of present
day court proceedings is that peo-
ple have lost interest. As a rule,
only those that have to be present
are in the court room. Except in
cases of general interest are the
chairs occupied.

Tuesday morning the case of R.
W. Taylor of the Macedonia
neighborhood, charged with the
murder of Joe Sanders last Christ-
mas, was called. Both sides an-
nounced ready and the sheriff
was ordered to bring in extra
jurors. Wednesday was spent in
qualifying jurors and the trial
will likely consume the balance of
the week.

An Illinois farmer moved to
North Dakota last spring. Along
with the family he took the collie
dog. The dog didn't like the new
location and, last week, showed
up at the old home place in Cen-
tral Illinois. That is some ani-
mal instinct for you. The dis-
tance is 700 miles and the dog
went by train to Dakota.

GERMANY STANDS PAT.
Well, the much discussed note
from Germany has reached Wash-
ington and may temporarily in-
terfere with the president's game
of golf. On one page of a daily
paper we are told that the situa-
tion is "very grave" and on an-
other page we find the president
playing golf.

Germany's answer to our de-
mand to safely play marbles in
the forbidden war zone is what
might reasonably have been ex-
pected. Germany very politely
refused to commit suicide, and
tells us in very courteous lan-
guage that if we insist on acting
the fool, we must take the conse-
quences.

But our president insists that
we have a lawful right there. So
we have—according to interna-
tional law. But what international
law has not been shot to pieces
in this under-est? Some people
imagine they can change the
course of the sea by writing
something on paper or in a book.
Don't all intelligent people con-
cede that treaties between na-
tions are now mere scraps of pa-
per?

"Necessity knows no law!"
In the world of war, we are in
a submarine age with musket laws.
The only sea-ports of Germany
are on the North Sea. England
declared a blockade in the North
Sea. The purpose was to starve
Germany.

That set the Germans to think-
ing—and somebody thought out
the submarine plan of retaliation.
Then Germany declared a
blockade of the English ports and
gave all neutrals timely warning
to keep out.

Before the destruction of the
Lusitania Germany offered to
withdraw her blockade if England
would do likewise. And my under-
standing is that the trouble be-
tween Bryan and Wilson was
partly because Mr. Bryan insisted
that we demand of England an
open sea, as well as of Germany.

Allen Benson says we should
consider if international law is
international sense. Let's see
about it. Suppose King William
of Germany, and King George of
England, agreed to fight a duel
with pistols—which they will
never do, for they are cousins and
think too much of their hides.
Suppose Mr. Wilson, pretending
friendship to both, was watching
the scrap as a neutral, sup-
pose the two kings were pepper-
ing away at each other without any
decided advantage to either, and
it was noticed that King George's
ammunition was out. Suppose
Mr. Wilson, with ammunition in
his hands, rushed to supply him—
would you blame Kaiser Bill for
taking a shot at him?

BLIND MAY "SEE"
Berkeley, Cal., July 10.—A me-
chanical device that will take the
place of the human eye.

This is the latest miracle of
science, and this wonderful little
instrument invented by the phy-
sics faculty of Iowa university and
just brought to the university of
California for demonstration, has
opened up vast possibilities for
the higher education of the blind.
The instrument is called the op-
tophone, and by means of it a
blind person can read from an or-
dinary printed page and even "see"
the outlines of pictures.

Of the condition of Albert Blat-
tel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blat-
tel, who was stabbed in the neck
and an artery cut in a quarrel
with Leo Willman at Kelso Sat-
urday, the Cape Tribune says:
"Yesterday afternoon Blattel be-
came restless, and symptoms of
infection had developed in the
wound. His temperature rose to an
alarming height. At a late hour
last night his fever had abated
and he showed slight improve-
ment in his condition." He is in
the Cape hospital.

Stick to the unmuzzled Kicker.

NEW WHAT HE WANTED.
Tommy: I want another box of
those pills, like what I got for
mother yesterday.
Druggist: Did your mother say
they were good?
"No, but they just fit my air-
gun."

SENSITIVE SUSPICION.
"You don't seem pleased when I
suggest that you have a lovely
disposition."
"I'm not," replied Miss Cayenne.
"Telling a girl she has a lovely
disposition is usually a sort of
apology for not being able to say
she is either good looking or in-
teresting."—Washington Star.
Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

HERE AND YONDER.
Sam Menz of near Kelso was
here Friday and said he was also
taking lessons in law. He had an
80-acre farm and, some years ago
added ten acres to it. He had
been paying taxes regularly and
did not know he was delinquent
until the sheriff called on him, he
says. In making out his tax bill
the collector had not included the
ten acres. The tax amounted to
\$8.57 and it cost him \$19.57.
Sam says if he had been notified
by postal card he would have
come in and paid the tax. But in
that case there would not have
been \$16 in fees.

Tom Boyett of crowder was
here Wednesday. His son Jesse,
who lives in Arkansas, came up to
visit him and last week Jesse and
Leon Counselor went hunting.
They were arrested, refused to
pay fines and decided to "board
it out." Mr. Boyett says a great
many down there hunt without
license and he is not at all pleas-
ed. The fine and costs were about
\$30 in each case. Since somebody
has to be punished, let it be the
tax-payers. They vote for it.

The submarine will likely put a
crimp in the usual harangues in
congress for the appropriations
for ten million dollar dread-
naughts. So far as war purposes
go, the dreadnaughts we have
may as well go on the junk heap.
This war will prove many things.
One of the things it will prove
is that the cause of war must be
abolished. That means the end of
capitalism.

Dr. W. E. Harris died at Oran
Saturday morning. Dr. Harris
has been in poor health for many
years and for several years has
been located in Texas. But his
health did not improve and he re-
turned to Oran only a few days
before the end. He began the
practice of medicine at Oran as a
young man 30 years ago.

Ernest Prindel and Wm. D. Hal-
ter of near Bleda were here Wed-
nesday. Mr. Prindel will have a
sale of his personal property July
27, and Mr. Halter and Henry
and Albert Fobst will leave with
their families for their new home-
steads in Colorado.

The Misses Beulah Simpson and
Lettie Gibbons and Mrs. Nettie
Edwards of Cary were in Benton
Friday. Also James Vandye.

C. A. Demars of Commerce, R. A.
Butler of Illinois and L. K. Cowger
of Oran were Kicker callers Mon-
day.

Uncle Jim Morrow was in to see
the Kicker Friday. He is 76
years old and still farming.

Editor Martox of the Chaffee
Signal was here Wednesday.

THE ARKANSAS FARMER.
He gets up to the alarm of a
Connecticut clock, buttons his
Chicago suspenders to Detroit
overall, washes his face with
Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania
pan, sits down to a Grand Rapids
table, eats Chicago meat and
Tennessee flour, cooked with
Kansas lard, on a St. Louis stove
puts a New York brodie on a
Kentucky mule, plows a farm
covered with an Ohio mortgage,
with a Chattanooga plow; when
bedtime comes he reads a chapter
from a Bible printed in Bosto-
n, says a prayer written in Jerusa-
lem, crawls under a blanket
made in New Jersey, only to be
kept awake by an Arkansas dog
—the only home product on his
place.—Arkansas Democrat.
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FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Nick Dannenmueller and wife,
Louis Schramm and wife, Bernard
Buendelsted and wife, and Louis
Goetz were at Oran Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Schlosser and
son August, of Randles passed
through here Saturday on their
way to Kelso.

Joe Gueck and family and the
Misses Lena Halter and Ollie Die-
bold and Albert Halter spent Sat-
urday and Sunday at Randles.
Frank Kilpfel threshed 500
bushels of wheat Tuesday off the
same land that produced 1600
bushels last year.

Sidney Bartels, who is working
at Whitewater spent one day last
week here with his father, Dan
Bartels.

There was an old fashioned
chicken stew at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Lawrence Schaefer Sat-
urday.

Charles Halter and family spent
Sunday with the family of Joe
Gueck of Ellis district.

Lee Stiton of Benton spent one
day last week with Jacob Die-
bold and his friend John Cooney.
Theodore Goetz and Zeno Dan-
nenmueller spent Sunday with
August and Willie Goetz.

Joe Legrand came over from
Ellis district Sunday to spend the
day with home folks.

John Stike was at the Cape one
day last week and August Glaus
was at Benton.

Miss Coletta Schilt spent Sat-
urday with her sister, Mrs. Chas.
Halter.

D. Evans died at his home near
Chaffee Thursday morning.

Charles Dumez had business at
Oran Saturday.

Our picnic will be on the 25th
of August.

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FROM LUXEMBURG.
Miss Bertha Enderle, who spent
the past seven weeks with her
cousin, Mrs. Otto Miller, of Allen-
ville returned home Sunday ac-
companied by Mrs. Miller.

Dennis Diebold and family of
near Fornfelt and B. J. Enderle
and family Sunday with John
Enderle and family.

Mrs. Joe Weiler and daughter,
Miss Lorena, and little Bertha
Pfeiffer spent Monday with
Mrs. Wm. Leibie.

Miss Anna Heuring of near Il-
mo spent one day last week with
her sister, Mrs. B. J. Enderle.

Quite a few hogs in this neigh-
borhood have died of cholera
and plenty of them are sick.
Albert Enderle and sister, Miss
Julia, were at Hilleman Springs
Sunday.

John Enderle and family spent
one day last week at Anell.
Isaac Ross drove to Fornfelt one
day this week.

There are not many people who
will do without the Kicker.

PUBLIC SALE.

Tuesday, July 27, and in case of
rain, then on the following day, at
the A. Ringo place, 1 1-2 miles
east of Bleda, on the Oran and
Chaffee road, I will sell 4 work
mules, a mare and mule colt, one
coming 3-year-old horse, 15 head
of cattle, 35 head of hogs, a Mc-
Cormick binder, mower, hay rake,
12-disc wheat drill, farm wagon,
buggy, Acme, disc section and AA
harrows, buggy, 3 3-horse plows,
a 2-horse plow, disc and walking
cultivators, harness, gears, old
corn, hay and oats, 38 acres grow-
ing corn, household and kitchen
furniture, and many other things.
Terms:—\$5 and under, cash; over
\$5 a credit of six months will
be given, purchaser giving 8 per
cent note with approved security.
No interest will be charged if paid
at maturity. Earnest Prindel.

FROM KELSO.
In a quarrel Saturday night Al-
bert Blattel was seriously stab-
bed in the throat by Leo Willman.
Albert was taken to the hospital
at the Cape, and Leo was taken
to Benton jail.

Frank Compas and daughters,
Coletta, Mary and Mrs. Frank
Blattel, auted to Ruma, Ill. Wed-
nesday, returning Saturday.
The marriage of Ed Scherer to
Miss Rosa Zent was announced in
church Sunday.

John and Joe Seyer have put in
new telephones in their homes.

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FROM COMMERCE.
Miss Julia Bondurant entertain-
ed 16 of her girl friends at dinner
Wednesday in honor of her birth-
day. All report a good time and
a good dinner.

Friday was an unlucky day for
Clude Dickerson and a little fel-
low here in town. Both fell from
a building, but neither was seri-
ously hurt.

A new daughter arrived at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ras-
berry Sunday. Also at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. John Street.

Dee High spent the week end in
St. Louis and brought his two
daughters home for the summer.
Mrs. Fannie Cunningham and
children visited in Fornfelt and St.
Louis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ranney of
Cape spent last week visiting re-
lative friends here.

The Junior League will have its
last meeting for the season Sun-
day.

Ed Childers and children of Chaf-
fee are visiting Mrs. Andy Smith.
Mrs. C. F. DeWint and daughter,
Miss Grace, Sundayed at Thebes.

Rosecoe Simmons is the assist-
ant butcher at the Stock shop.

R. W. Groves and family moved
to Lake City Ark., Saturday.

Mrs. C. H. Heuchan and daugh-
ters were at Cape Monday.

The tent meeting in the public
square is still in progress.

Aron Bull and Carter Shero have
returned to St. Louis.

Phil Hafner, of the Kicker, was
here Friday.

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FROM OWNESBY.
The Misses Sallie Harris of
Charlestown, Ora and Flora Green-
lee of Cary and Silas Ervin, also
of Cary, Wes. Linn of Mullins Is-
land were entertained by Miss
Pauline Sneed Sunday evening.

Walter Williams and wife of Blod-
gett were at Dee Simpson's Sun-
day.

Tom and Wm. Riley and their
families came over from Morley
and spent a few days with John
Riley and family last week.

Miss Ollie Linn of Mullins Island
and Miss Rita Rogers were the
guests of Miss Beulah Simpson
Sunday.

Ben Wilhelm, of Caruthersville,
is visiting his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Andy Wilhelm.

We are glad to note that our
dinner was enjoyed. And a large
crowd attended.

Claud Linn of Mullins Island and
Miss Jessie Dunning were married
Sunday night.

Hiram King of Blodgett spent a
few days of last week with
Dee Simpson.

Henry Huey of Cross Plains dis-
trict took supper at Chas. Owens-
by's Sunday.

Andy Grinstead and family of
Roselake, Ill. are here visiting
relatives.

Mrs. Elkins of Mifflit visited
Mrs. Andy Greenlee last week.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs.
John Riley last Monday.

R. L. D. Simpson and wife were
at Benton Monday.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
The surprise party given in hon-
or of Vernon Hunze last Monday
night was a success. The guests
were the Misses Alma and Emille
Elfert, Edna Guth, Ella Rubel, Hil-
da, Walter and Elmer Uelsman,
Marie and Augusta Elfert, Fred
Kuessmaul, Willie Sprenger, Ar-
nold Rubel, Ida and Edna Elfert,
Adolph Sprenger and family, Mr.
and Mrs. Louis Sprenger, Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Greunberger.
The Misses Marie and Augusta
Elfert, Alvina Sander, Alonzo
Bates, Fred Kuessmaul, Ben Sey-
er, Tony Diebold and Andy Seyer
spent Sunday with the family of
Adolph Sprenger.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Emil Roth on July 6.
John T. Ross spent Wednesday
at the Cape.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
Taken.—From a horse, Saturday
night, July 3, at Oran, a double-
girthed Texas saddle. Liberal re-
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office.

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Oct. 20, Nov. 24.

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